

Ordinance No. 18182-07-2008

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GRANTS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240,000 SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF A WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FROM ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2008; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; MAKING THIS ORDINANCE CUMULATIVE OF PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That in addition to those amounts allocated to the various City departments for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and in the Budget of the City Manager, there shall also be increased estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Fund in the amount of \$240,000 subject to receipt of a Weatherization Assistance Program grant from Oncor Electric Delivery Company for the purpose of funding the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program for the Year 2008.

SECTION 2.

That should any portion, section or part of a section of this ordinance be declared invalid, inoperative or void for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision, opinion or judgment shall in no way impair the remaining portions, sections, or parts of sections of this ordinance, which said remaining provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

That this ordinance shall be cumulative of Ordinance No. 17749 and all other ordinances and appropriations amending the same except in those instances where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with such other ordinances and appropriations, in which instance said conflicting provisions of said prior ordinances and appropriations are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


Assistant City Attorney

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE: July 15, 2008

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved on 7/15/2008 - Ord. No. 18182-07-2008

DATE: Tuesday, July 15, 2008

LOG NAME: 05ONCORE2008

REFERENCE NO.: **C-22916

SUBJECT:

Authorize Application for and Acceptance of Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program Funds from Oncor Electric Delivery Company for up to \$240,000, Authorize Related Contracts and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded ,a grant up to \$240,000 from Oncor Electric Delivery Company, for a Low-Income Weatherization Program for the Year 2008;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute, amend, extend or renew necessary contracts in accordance with the City of Fort Worth policies and regulations upon mutual agreement with Oncor Electric Delivery Company; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Fund by \$240,000, subject to receipt of the grant.

DISCUSSION:

Oncor Electric Delivery Company has developed a Pilot Targeted Low-Income Weatherization Program which will provide assistance to its low income customers for energy efficiency measures. The primary objective of the program is to achieve a cost effective reduction of energy use in the homes of eligible families. To qualify, the family's income must be less than 125 percent of the Federal poverty level and they must be connected to Oncor's electric system. Services include attic insulation, weather-stripping, caulking, window and door repairs and/or replacement, compact fluorescent lighting, installation of water saver devices and Energy Star air conditioners and refrigerators. Oncor has decided to distribute these funds both through Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc., a statewide non-profit organization (TACAA) and directly through local service providers. The City is eligible to participate in the program as a Service Provider, and also is applying to TACAA in order to maximize service to Fort Worth's low income home owners.

The Housing Department has operated similar programs since 1982 under the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) funded by the Department Energy (DOE) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through the The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) on a grant basis. Current year target under this City program is 125 homes. The proposed Oncor low-income weatherization program will supplement additional funds for 60 of these homes. The program will be administered within the standards and guidelines applicable to the existing WAP Program. Contractors will not be paid until work is inspected by Housing Department Inspectors.

The program is available in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION:

The Finance Director certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Fund. No matching funds are required from the City.

TO Fund/Account/Centers

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FROM Fund/Account/Centers

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